

NO HITCH, SAYS CASSINI

Late Reports Say That Peace Negotiations Are On.

JAPAN WANTS A BATTLE

Choice of Meeting of the Plenipotentiaries Has Narrowed Down to Geneva and The Hague, Report Says.

Washington, June 14.—Count Cassini, the Russian ambassador, had a conference with the president today.

When he left the White House he declared that there was no hitch in the peace negotiations.

A RUSSIAN PLENIPOTENTIARY.

Is the Ambassador to France, Says Report from Tokyo.

Tokyo, June 14.—The report of the Japanese minister at Washington that M. Wellhoff, the Russian ambassador to France, had been appointed Russia's chief plenipotentiary, has been received.

FAITH IN ROOSEVELT.

In Vienna It Is Believed That He Will Carry Peace Through.

Vienna, June 14.—Officials here assert their faith in the ability of President Roosevelt to overcome all obstacles that may arise in the peace negotiations, and they believe that the movement will succeed. The president is called a diplomat with his sleeves rolled up, in contradistinction to European diplomats who are pictured as wearing coats so as to be able to conceal their cards.

CHOICE NARROWS DOWN.

Place of Meeting Now Lies Between Geneva and The Hague.

Washington, June 14.—The peace situation today is that matters are progressing slowly but favorably. At the present time the selection of a place of meeting seems to have narrowed down to Geneva and The Hague.

OYAMA WANTS TO FIGHT.

Would Like to Duplicate Togo's Feat on the Land.

London, June 14.—Today's news substantiates the information sent out Saturday to the effect that at heart the Japanese want peace postponed until after another land battle has been fought. Field Marshal Oyama is now arranged in a preliminary movement for a general offensive demonstration. A battle is expected to begin soon unless there is an immediate breakdown by Russia.

Oyama has his forces arranged in the shape of a half-moon along the entire Russian front. It is believed that he is now in a position to administer as decisive a blow on land as Togo did on the sea.

LINEVITCH SURROUNDED.

This Story Says That Russia Must Make Immediate Peace.

St. Petersburg, June 14.—The Gazette today publishes a sensational interview with the secretary of the Chinese legation, to the effect that Russia must consent to immediate peace. General Linevitch's army is entirely surrounded.

WANTS A BATTLE.

Oyama Thinks He Can Lick Linevitch Easily.

Tokyo, June 14.—The government maintains absolute silence on the subject of peace negotiations. The newspapers have all taken a stand against an early armistice, saying that such an action would deprive Oyama of a victory which is now within his grasp.

The public would welcome peace only on condition that Japan is able to receive everything she may demand, and any compromise would be very unpopular.

PESSIMISTIC FEELING.

Washington Not So Sure About Peace Negotiations.

Washington, June 14.—A note of pessimism was discernable last night in the tone of the discussion of the negotiations for peace in the Far East. So far as is ascertainable at this time, no permanent ground exists for the supposition that the negotiations are not proceeding favorably. It is realized in both government and diplomatic quarters, that until the two belligerents, actually are brought together on a common basis of understanding the possibility of a hitch must be taken into account.

Among members of the diplomatic corps the formal response of the Russian government to the President's appeal for a cessation of hostilities was received with keen interest. It was made the subject of a conference at the White House yesterday between the President and Minister Takahira. The details of the conference were not disclosed but last night Minister Takahira intimated strongly that the negotiations were proceeding smoothly. In order diplomatic quarters it was suggested that possibly a too optimistic view of the situation generally was being taken. This idea, coupled with a call of M. Jussaraud, the French ambassador, at the White House last night led to the rumor, extensively circulated, that some-

thing akin to a hitch in the peace proceedings actually had occurred.

TOURING IN FARM WAGON.

New York Woman to Start Novel Trip at Burlington.

Burlington, June 14.—Mrs. John Martin and Miss Bessie Wilson of New York arrived in this city yesterday afternoon on the steamer Vermont. With them came a pair of large draft horses and a roomy farm work wagon, fitted with a canvas canopy top. In this outfit and with a party of friends the two ladies will tour the State of Vermont, New Hampshire and then their way to Canada, boarding a steamer at Montreal for Europe. The driver, C. Hickey of Keene, N. Y., will then return with the team to Westport, where it is owned.

At the rear of the wagon is hitched a large box which will conveniently carry all the baggage needed and inside are eight long cushions, which run the whole length of the wagon. In this way they will leisurely traverse the country, taking photographs and sketches of the various scenes along the way. In a few days other parties from New York will join, among them being Millionaire Stokes and his wife of New York. Mrs. Martin and Miss Wilson stopped at the Van Ness House last evening.

NEW CORPORATIONS.

Four Concerns Registered With State Tax Commissioner Cushman.

Four new corporations have been registered in the office of J. E. Cushman, State tax commissioner. Of the number "the Taconic Valley Railroad company" has the largest capital stock, the amount being \$270,000. Felham Lincoln of Boston is treasurer of the company. This company proposes to build a road in Bennington county.

The W. A. Choat Manufacturing Co. has a capital stock of \$30,000. The incorporators include W. A. Choat of Albany, N. Y., L. T. Page, O. O. Ware of Wilmington and 23 others.

The Vergennes School Seat company is organized with a capital stock of \$12,500.

The Vermont Purple Slate company, organized for quarrying slate, is located at Castleton and has a capital stock of \$1,000.

WILL HAVE A RUN.

Vermont Autoists Are Going to Mount Washington in July.

At the informal meeting of automobilists from various parts of the state at Montpelier last evening, it was decided to have a big run to Mount Washington some time in July, the date to be announced soon. Montpelier will be the meeting place for autoists in the northern part of the state and White River Junction for the others. It is probable that the two parties will meet either at Wells River or Lisbon, N. H., and proceed together to their destination. From 50 to 100 machines are expected to take part.

The gathering last evening indulged in debates over the merits of the different makes of machines. There were about 25 persons present, besides those from this city and Montpelier.

PURCHASES TELEPHONE CO.

E. H. Vancor of Burlington Buys a Line in Morrisville.

Morrisville, June 14.—E. H. Vancor, who has been manager of the Citizens Telephone company for several years, has purchased the stock of A. A. Pike of Stowe and W. S. Benson of Morrisville in the company, and now has the control of it. Two years ago the Citizens company leased the privileges of the New England company in that vicinity, and the new owner will carry out that contract.

ATTEMPT AT CAPTURE FAILS.

Washington Still Stands in Spite of Attempt to Capture It.

Fort Hunt, Virginia, June 14.—At daybreak this morning Admiral Dickson's secondary squadron was ignominiously defeated in an attempt to take the national capital. He drifted down the Potomac. Every vessel of his fleet was "put out of action" last night by the magnificent gunnery of the artillery in Fort Washington and Hunt, according to the army version.

The fight lasted 25 minutes, having opened at eleven o'clock.

DEATH WATCH SET.

A Woman Keeping Guard Over Mary Rogers in Prison.

Windor, June 14.—The death watch was placed over Mary Rogers, sentenced to be hung ten days from yesterday. This time a woman has been placed on guard over the prisoner, but the officials do not make her name public.

PLAN FAILS.

To Release Receiver of People's National Bank of Swanton.

Swanton, June 14.—The plan for releasing the receiver of the People's National bank has fallen through on account of the refusal of some of the stockholders to sign the petition.

FLAG DAY OBSERVED.

Commemoration Ceremony in Washington Today.

Washington, June 14.—Flag Day, celebrated in commemoration of the adoption of the red, white and blue as the national emblem, was formally observed today.

Inspection of Company A.

Rutland, June 14.—The annual inspection of Company A, V. N. G., was held today. Major C. F. Burnham of Burlington and Major H. E. Dyer of Rutland being the inspecting officers. The company turned out forty strong. Manoeuvres were held out of doors and dinner was served in the field. Rifle practice was held this afternoon.

MIDDLEBURY THE MECCA

Catholic Order of Foresters Invade the Town.

FOR ANNUAL CONVENTION

Banquet Held Last Evening Was the Big Event—Was Attended by 400 Delegates and Visitors.

Middlebury, June 14.—The big event of the convention of the Vermont Jurisdiction, Catholic Order of Foresters, which is being held here, was the banquet served at the old St. Mary's church. There were 400 persons present, and the occasion was one long to be remembered. The hall was decorated with flowers and the national colors.

Frank L. Graves of Winoski was the toastmaster of the evening.

Toasts were responded to as follows, after remarks by Rt. Rev. J. S. Michaud, bishop: "Our Order a Catholic Organization," the Rev. D. J. O'Sullivan, St. Albans; "Fraternal Insurance," John Galvin, Brattleboro; "The American Catholic," the Rev. R. A. Lynch, New York; "Our Holy Father," the Rev. W. J. O'Sullivan, Montpelier; "The Green Mountain State," French, Louis N. Provost of Rutland, English, the Rev. P. J. Long, Proctor; "Our Country," the Rev. C. L. Pontbriand, Lyndonville; "Federation," Thomas A. Austin, Brattleboro; "The Church," the Rev. J. A. Lynch, Waterbury; "The Clergy," French, the Rev. L. A. Verina of Shoreham, English, the Rev. J. M. Brown of Pittsford; "The Medical Examiner," Dr. J. L. Walsh, Proctor; "The Spiritual Director," the Rev. J. D. Shannon, Middlebury; "The Vermont Jurisdiction," J. H. Talbot, Northfield; "Kindred Organizations," the Rev. L. A. Verina, Shoreham; "The Press," F. W. Sault, Essex Junction; "The Ladies," George E. LeCour, St. Albans.

The business of the convention was started this morning, after the celebration of mass by Fr. D. J. Shannon.

As the guests reached Middlebury yesterday they were met by the Middlebury club and other persons who had arrived earlier. A procession was then formed, and the march led to St. Mary's church, where solemn high mass was celebrated. The Rev. D. J. O'Sullivan of St. Albans preached. After the service the line of march was again taken up and the Foresters went to the opera house for the opening of the convention.

The afternoon session was called to order by High Chief Ranger John Galvin of Brattleboro, and the organization was completed. The following committees were appointed: Finance, J. B. Beauregard of Burlington, C. F. McKenna of Montpelier, Cyrella Lally of Shoreham, Fred Lockwood of Brandon and Alberts Cota of Sandy Hill, N. Y.; by-laws, F. G. Bundy of St. Johnsbury; Hugh P. O'Neil of White River Junction, J. P. Fitzsimmons of Underhill, J. P. Butler of St. Albans and G. W. Serbiertz; petitions, G. Blair of Ogdensburg, J. E. Mason of Island Pond, G. H. Bird of Vergennes, J. McGee of Milton and A. E. Goyett of Essex Junction; state of the court, the Rev. L. A. Verina of Shoreham, C. J. Cocklan of Rutland, L. Ryan of Richmond, J. W. Ryan of Northfield and Henry Burritt of Bristol; resolutions, H. Conlin of Winoski, G. Kidder of Middlebury; T. J. Murphy of Orwell, C. E. Demorelle of Richford and C. Allen of Rutland.

The reports of the officers show that the order is in good standing and steadily gaining. Every court in the jurisdiction was represented.

MASONS HAVE ELECTION.

Knights Templar Yesterday Afternoon Mystic Shrine Meets.

Burlington, June 14.—The second day's programme of Masons' week was devoted to the Knights Templar. Officers were elected in the afternoon as follows:

Grand commander, C. A. Calderwood of St. Johnsbury; deputy grand commander, Elihu B. Taft of Burlington; generalissimo, J. Henry Jackson of Barre; captain general, H. C. Pierce of Barton; senior warden, G. F. Flanders of White River Junction; junior warden, G. H. Gorham of Bellows Falls; prelate, Isaac S. Yerkes of White River Junction; treasurer, C. W. Whitcomb of Proctorville; secretary, H. H. Ross of Burlington; standard bearer, F. D. Dewey of Montpelier; sword bearer, D. S. Danforth of St. Albans; warder, G. F. Root of Newport; captain of the guard, F. L. Clark of Rutland.

Royal and Select Masters.

The 32nd annual meeting of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters was held last night and officers were chosen as follows:

Grand master, O. C. Baker of Brandon; deputy grand master, G. F. Root of Newport; principal conductor of work, G. C. Cheney of St. Johnsbury; treasurer, C. H. Heaton of Montpelier; recorder, H. H. Ross of Burlington; captain of the guard, D. A. Elliott of White River Junction; conductor, S. H. Danforth of St. Albans; chaplain, the Rev. Isaac S. Yerkes of White River Junction; lecturer, Isaac D. Bailey of Brattleboro; marshal, H. D. Filmore of Bennington; steward, D. C. Noble of Middlebury; sentinel, G. F. Morse of Burlington.

At the Mystic Shrine meeting last night there were 300 present, and 25 new members were taken in.

TO CELEBRATE CENTENNIAL

Montpelier Appoints Committee of Fifteen.

TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS

For Properly Observing in the Fall the Anniversary of Montpelier's Becoming the Capital of the State.

Montpelier, June 14.—At a citizens' meeting held in the city court room last evening, the entire work of preparing for and carrying through the celebration of the 100th anniversary of the choice of Montpelier as the state capital was delegated to a committee of fifteen who were nominated by committee. The managers are: Mayor F. M. Corry, C. P. Pitkin, F. E. Smith, O. D. Clark, J. A. DeBoer, George L. Blanchard, J. H. Senner, L. E. Cross, A. J. Sibley, J. G. Brown, B. F. Field, G. O. Stratton, G. W. Wing, H. A. Kemp, J. M. Boutwell and A. D. Farwell.

The celebration will be held in the fall.

A MYSTERY SOLVED.

Why Water Tears Out George Gray's Lawn on Washington Street.

Quite a little curiosity was aroused last spring when so much water was coming down Washington street, by the stream which came out the side of George Gray's lawn back of the Spaulding school. During the shower last evening the water again came out through the lawn. This morning Supt. of Streets Bruce solved the matter after some digging. When the old Rugg hotel stood on the lot, a drain ran from the building to the Washington street surface sewer, running, apparently, up hill; or at least, it ran in a southerly direction under one corner of Mr. Gray's lawn into the surface sewer on Washington street. When the hotel was removed and the lot graded down, this drain was cut off at just about the point where the water comes through, and whenever there is a heavy rain, and the sewer fills to overflowing it works its way through this drain and out through the lawn.

Supt. Bruce has cut out the drain so the overflow will not occur again.

YOUNG LADIES GAVE DANCE.

Twenty Couples Had Fine Time in K. of C. Hall.

The young ladies' private dance in the K. of C. hall last evening was a very enjoyable occasion. There were twenty couples present. Gilbertson's orchestra furnished music. The dance was concluded at midnight. Punch and wafers were served by Miss Ethel Ewen and Miss Annie Barclay. The young ladies who gave the dance were: Misses Agnes Higgins, Nellie Corskie, Margaret, Wood, Alice Haley, Nellie Foley, Mary Fitzgerald, Elsie Ewen and Grace McSorley.

DIDN'T USE PROPER CARE.

Central Vermont Railroad Is Charged With Negligence.

Suit was brought yesterday against the Central Vermont Railway company for the recovery of damages of \$10,000 for the death of Martin F. Flint of Randolph, who was killed May 18 last at West Berlin, while crossing the tracks of the company.

The suit is brought by W. J. Blodgett of Randolph, administrator of Mr. Martin's estate. The papers were served on the defendant yesterday at St. Albans, the case being returnable at the September term of Chittenden county court. The claim of the plaintiff is that the company did not use proper care in running its trains and several law points are involved.

ANNUAL MEETING.

Cobble Hill Creamery Re-elects Old Officers.

The annual meeting of the Cobble Hill Creamery Association was held yesterday afternoon at the creamery. The reports for the year's business were very satisfactory to the stockholders. The old board of directors were re-elected, who at a subsequent meeting elected L. A. Averill president, John Trow vice president and G. H. Anker secretary and treasurer.

CADETS AT MONTPELIER.

Norwich Students Will Camp There Over Night on Their Way Home.

Montpelier, June 14.—The Norwich University cadets arrived in town this noon on their way home to Northfield from their practice march of a week. They camped last night near Elmore at Bolton Falls, and will remain in camp on the seminary campus tonight, starting for home tomorrow morning.

Is This "Dan" of Local Fame?

Daniel McCormick, the New York State League umpire, who was mobbed on the ball grounds in Binghamton Monday left there yesterday and announced that he will send his resignation as umpire to President Farrell.

Famous Slave Trader Dead.

Zanzibar, June 14.—Tippao Tib, a slave trader who gained considerable fame through his connection with Henry M. Stanley in his African explorations, is dead.

SUPERINTENDENT BRUCE.

Granite Cutters' Journal Says Several Good Words for Him.

After a strenuous career covering several years as an official of our union, and his connection with our union, owing being employed at the bank, Brother Fred Bruce has for the time being severed his connection with our union, owing to accepting the position of street commissioner of Barre, Vt. Those who know Fred personally, believe that by the same activity being displayed in his position as has been characteristic of him as a representative of our union, he will make an excellent public official. He carries with him into his new position the good will of all his associates, and be the time when it may, he will be welcomed back as an active member of our union when he gets ready to do so. He held the position of organizer through a very troublesome time in the history of our trade in the Green Mountain State, and either in that capacity or looking for labor legislation at the capital of that state, he left signs of progress which will be a boon to his fellow workmen and trade unionists generally in that state. The city of Barre has gained an aggressive man and a militant trade unionist in the new commissioner, and young granite cutters can well, as members of our union, endeavor to emulate Fred's career as an honored member of our organization. —Granite Cutters' Journal.

CLASS DAY PROGRAMME.

Will Be Carried Out at School Tomorrow Afternoon.

The Class Day exercises of the Spaulding high school, class of 1905, will be held at the chapel tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock. The programme is as follows:

Address of Welcome..... Grace Judith Worthen
Class History..... Inez Vaughn
Class Prophecy..... Evelyn Z. Phelps
Essay (Honorable Mention), The Art of Right Living, Mamie M. MacKenzie
Music
Class Will..... William Cordner
Address to the Middle Class..... Clara Purves
Presentation to the School..... Monti Mudgett
Address to the Graduating Class..... Blanche Bradford
Music..... Blanche Bradford

Then will follow the presentation of gifts to the members of the graduating class by the Middlers.

FIRE IN HIS FACE.

Foster Johnson Lighted Fire With Kerosene, With Bad Results.

Foster Johnson of North Main street tried to light a fire with kerosene yesterday, and is wearing his face and one hand in bandages today, at the same time congratulating himself that it was no worse. He poured kerosene on a fire at the North Main street foundry and the fire blazed up unexpectedly, the flames going directly into his face. His entire face was blistered, and the epidermis peeled off in spots. The left hand did not escape.

Dr. Stickney dressed the wounds, and this morning the patient was doing well. His eyes were not affected, and there will be no serious results. The burns, while not deep, were painful.

INSTALLATION SERVICE.

Rev. C. C. Conner Will Formally Assume Local Pastorate.

Rev. Charles C. Conner will be installed as pastor of the Universalist church tomorrow evening, the 15th. Rev. Dr. Conklin of Boston will preach the sermon; Rev. Dr. Wright of Montpelier will give the charge to the pastor; Rev. Walter Dole of Northfield will make the address to the people; Judge Allard G. Fay will welcome the new pastor to the parish; Rev. Mr. Kinzie of the Baptist church will speak for the fraternity of the churches and Rev. Mr. Smith of Plainfield will make the prayer of installation. The public is invited.

PRESBYTERIAN SALE.

Will Be Held in Church Vestry Tuesday Afternoon and Evening.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Presbyterian church will hold a sale of work in the basement of the church, beginning Tuesday afternoon and lasting throughout the evening, June 20th. There will be no admission in the afternoon, but in the evening there will be an admission of 10 cents as there will be a programme given.

The following will be on sale: A fine line of stone cutters' aprons, kitchen aprons, all sizes and colors, children's dresses, sizes from 2 to 10 years; some very nice white aprons, linen handkerchiefs, hand made, (only one dozen of these, so come early to get your choice), home made candy, paste buns and short bread, ice cream and wafers, strawberries and cream, and cake. Make no engagement for June 20th but come down and encourage the ladies.

A NEW GROCERY STORE.

Park & Stephens Open Up for Business in the King & Reed Block.

Messrs. Park and Stephens opened up a new grocery store in the King & Reed block, 66 North Main street, this morning with a full line of standard groceries.

The firm members are Alex Park, whose occupations has always been that of a grocer, and David Stephen, although engaged in granite cutting since coming to Barre, was formerly a grocer's clerk. They will carry a full line of good groceries, and buying and selling cash, will sell at the smallest margin of profit. They already have one order team busy and will put on others as business demands them. The store will be connected by telephone in a day or two.

HIGH ORDER OF SPEAKING

At Spaulding Prize Speaking Contest.

OPERA HOUSE LAST NIGHT

Marguerite Brown First, Eva Smith Second, Agnes Marr Third and Georgina Trail Fourth Out of Nine Contestants.

In a prize speaking contest, the excellence of which has not often been excelled in this city, Marguerite Esther Brown won first honor, Eva Gertrude Smith second, Agnes Marr third and Georgina Cameron Trail fourth at the opera house last evening, it being the opening event of the Spaulding high school commencement. Each speaker did well, and the winners are particularly entitled to a great measure of praise for their work. The judges of the contest were the Rev. G. C. Lamson, Miss Mabel C. Hamilton and Principal E. E. Thompson, all of Montpelier. An audience which filled the opera house and overflowed into the balcony attended, and by their liberal applause showed their appreciation.

After prayer by the Rev. R. F. Lowe and a selection by a chorus of voices, Jessie Louise Nelson recited a dialect story, "Granther Hill," by Robinson. In this the speaker had a difficult task as the piece needed a wide variation of voice from that of a grumpy old man to that of a fretful old woman. Miss Nelson had good gestures and conducted herself easily on the stage.

S. Arthur Wallace did well in the portrayal of the proposal of a shy and shrinking business man to his fair typewriter, but the piece was not of the stamp that brings prizes as a rule. In spite of the handicap, Mr. Wallace's efforts elicited much applause.

The recital of "Thelma" by Martha Ellen Slayton, while it did not bring a recognition in the list of prize winners, was yet of a high order. Gestures, rarely used, were carried out in an easy manner, while the change in voice to suit the various characters was admirably done.

A solo by Miss Bessie Jones was received well by the audience, after which Harold W. Robinson recited "Bud Tilden, Mail Thief," proving himself a good reader of a descriptive work. The speaker was inclined to hurry just a bit more than the piece warranted, but otherwise acquitted himself well.

Agnes Marr, who captured third prize, had a piece that was thrilling, quite in contrast to its title, "A Shaker Romance." There was little occasion for the use of gestures, but whenever they were interposed they were well executed. Her articulation was particularly clear.

There was little doubt in the minds of the audience that Eva Gertrude Smith would receive a prize, after her splendid presentation of Goodwin's "The King's Pardon," a tale of early Virginia life. With well-timed and graceful gestures and with a voice possessing the necessary fire for the piece, her effort was easily made one of the best of the evening.

The music instructor in the public schools, Miss Randall, delighted the audience with a vocal solo which would have merited an encore on any other occasion, and the last division of speakers, Dennis Vernon Wells, Marguerite Esther Brown and Georgina Trail, was heard.

In Grady's "Home," Mr. Wells had a selection particularly suited to himself, and in its presentation the young man showed much ability. He had a clear speech, but was inclined to lapse a trifle into the use of sing-song dropping of the voice.

Miss Brown, one of the youngest speakers as well as one of the best, had the old and oftentimes prize-winning, "The Fall of Pemberton Mills." The piece did not suffer with her handling. In fact, by a young speaker it could scarcely have been improved upon. Having a good voice and a perfect command of it, grace of manner and apparently absolute self-possession, she was a sure honor winner.

The last speaker in the contest, Miss Trail, had a selection of absorbing interest, Osborn's "A Few Bars in the Key of G," and she did justice to it in every respect. Miss Trail's former work gave her a stage presence that attracted. Her full voice was used to bring out the dramatic portion of the selection, and her effort was generally conceded to be a strong one.

Immediately with the finishing of the last speaker the marking cards were gathered, and while the result was being determined, Miss Allie Richardson, a former prize winner, but who was not competing for a prize, recited Major's "Reconciliation." Had Miss Richardson been among the contestants, without any doubt one of the four positions would have been awarded her.

The judges of the contest were the Baptist minister at Montpelier, the instructor of elocution at Montpelier seminary and the principal of the Montpelier high school. Their selections were considered satisfactory, although, of course, there were some dissenting opinions among the audience in some of the positions.

The proceeds from the sale of tickets go toward the school library. The attendance was the largest ever entertained at a Spaulding prize speaking. All the speakers were trained by Irvin Potter.